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## CORDELL HULL NOW HEADS THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Big Tennessee Democrat Takes the Place So Well Filled by Chairman George White

The Resolutions Adopted Are Plain in Meaning and Can Be Easily Understood by All

There has been a great amount of speculation and much talk indulged in as to what the Democratic National committee would do when it met in St. Louis Tuesday. This talk very often was to the effect that there would be a big racket, and much noise kicked up by the committee; that Chairman George White would be removed; that there would be a complete reorganization of the committee; and a "whole passel" of such talk calculated to raise doubt and disturbance in the democratic ranks—and that is all that it amounted to—just talk. The fact is that the session was one of the most congenial and pleasant held by that organization for years—for it was harmonious in every respect and everyone enjoyed it except the republicans on the outside who looked in to their disappointment. Prior to the meeting of the committee there was considerable jockeying as to whom should be national chairman, but that was all settled when the committee met for the business session and the election of Hull was unanimous. Breckenridge Long of St. Louis, who was an aspirant early in the game for the place, withdrew from the contest, and that made it unanimous for Hull.

### Wilson's Name Cheered

The committee after the election unanimously passed a series of resolutions which criticized the republican national administration, condemned their tax programme, favored disarmament and praised former president Wilson and James M. Cox. Applause greeted the mention of Wilson's name as "our stricken soldier," many of the members rising to their feet and applauding. Reference to Cox also was applauded.

The resolutions included an appreciation of George White of Marietta, Ohio, who retired as chairman, and concluded with memorials to Champ Clark, W. T. Sanders of Alabama, and former Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who died since the last meeting of the committee.

The Clark resolution was offered by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, who was chairman of the resolutions committee. The resolutions are as follows:

### Our Stricken Soldier

Resolved, That we salute our stricken soldier of the world war, Woodrow Wilson, and felicitate him upon his steady progress toward health and strength; that we congratulate him for his fearless and faithful leadership, James M. Cox, who seized the torch thrown from falling hands and held it high in the late campaign to the lasting glory of our party and the honor of our country; that we encourage all worthy and friendly rivalry for leadership of our great party, and pledge our fidelity and support to the one who shall be chosen to carry forward the banner of Democracy tattered in conflict, but unsullied by any stain of dishonor. Be it further

Resolved, That we condemn and denounce the Republican party for its failure not only to redeem a single promise made in the late campaign, but also for its repudiation of those promises. With no leadership, no plan, no program, no policy, it has permitted industry to languish, business to stagnate, trade and commerce to decline and the whole commercial life of the country to be locked in the paralysis of hard times.

**Taxation Scheme Denounced**  
We denounce and condemn the taxation scheme of the Republican party, obviously designed to relieve the over-rich of their just burden of federal taxes, and to impose it to the same extent on the general public, too distressed by reason of the prevailing industrial paralysis to provide the comforts and often the necessities of life.

We congratulate the Democrats of the Senate and the House on their constructive work on the tax revision bill in behalf of the distribution of taxes upon rich and poor in just proportion. We further congratulate the Democratic senators and representatives upon their constant efforts to further legislation by constructive amendments that would relieve the deplorable condition accompanying Republican misrule, thus rendering the Democratic party the greatest service possible by first relieving the interests of the country.

The reactionary forces of special privilege which now dominate our government have destroyed the splendid prosperity that prevailed during eight years of Democratic control, in place of which we now have only financial uncertainty, business anxiety, industrial depression and unparalleled idleness and distress.

### 88 Per Cent for War

Whereas, the people of the United States and of the world are burdened with enormous taxes due in large

### LAI'D TO REST

The Remains of Johnson and Hall Are Consigned to the Tomb.

The culminating acts in the police tragedy cases occurred Sunday and Monday when Officers Johnson and Hall were laid to rest. The Hall funeral occurred Sunday from St. Joseph's Cathedral and was conducted by Rev. Charles F. Buddy before an audience which crowded that great structure. The remains were taken to St. Louis for interment.

The Johnson rites occurred Monday afternoon and were in charge of the Masons. The services were held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, conducted by Rev. Chilton and the Masons, Capt. B. F. Watson acting for the latter. Hundreds could not be given admission to the cathedral. All city and state departments were represented and a detail of twenty-five police officers and sixty firemen escorted the remains to the cemetery. The floral offerings were the most elaborate shown here for years. Dr. Chilton's sermon was particularly touching.

### WILLIAM HENRY JONES RABBIT FOOT

Six years ago William Henry Jones was just a post office inspector working out of St. Joseph—but to his credit it should be said that he was a first class one. A short time later he was transferred to Sioux City, and a few months after he reached there the sheriff of that big city and county died and William Henry Jones was at once appointed to that \$5,000-a-year job, to which he was twice re-elected with an increased majority each time. Last month the postmaster's time at Sioux City—a \$6,000 job—expired and William Henry Jones took the examination for it—and also won. The last of this month he will resign his sheriff job and on the first of next take his Nasby job—to the great joy of his host of friends.

### WILL PREPARE THE POLICE FOR WAR

If the ordinance introduced Monday night goes through, the police commissioners will be given \$8,000 with which to purchase an armored motor car, seventy .38 calibre revolvers, six riot guns and six high powered rifles for emergency use. With this equipment it is hoped that there will be no repetition of the occurrences such as that of last week when Johnson and Hall were killed. A roll of honor will also be kept, showing the records of men killed in police service. The council at that meeting adopted resolutions on the death of Hall and Johnson.

### MAYOR MARSHALL REPORTS FEW IDLE

In his report made to the chairman of the committee on unemployment at Washington, Mayor Marshall on Tuesday reported that there had been a material reduction in unemployment here, but 6.7 per cent of the population of this city now being idle, and the situation is now well in hand. The mayor seemed to think that St. Joseph could take care of its own, this winter.

### SIDENFADEN AND PLATT CARS RECOVERED

The organized band of car thieves operating between this and Kansas City is likely to be broken up. H. O. Sidenfaden's, C. L. Platt's, J. G. Yocum's and P. L. Inman's cars were recovered in Kansas City this week, and Irwin Davis, Jesse Ryan and L. L. Calloway, all of whom had stolen cars in their possession, were brought here by the police.

### NOW ISN'T THIS JUST AWFUL!

My girl brought me a basket of eggs. As she walked up the steps, I said: "What beautiful eggs."

And when she reached me she slapped my face.

The pouring of concrete on Fredrick Avenue began Friday.

### CALLED TO HER REST

Mrs. Mary Katherine Landis, One of This County's Pioneers, Is Taken From Earth.

All of the south portion of this county today mourns the passing of the spirit of Mary Katherine Landis, wife of Judge Jason H. Landis, which occurred in this city on last Tuesday, after an illness of but short duration. For seventy-two years and twenty-seven days she had lived on this earthly sphere and with the exception of the few years of her childhood, all the remainder of her years had been spent in doing good. On Thursday at Ebenezer church, of which she had long been a faithful and consistent member, her funeral services were conducted by the pastor in the church office where for 47 long and happy years she had worshipped. She had always been a faithful member of the M. E. Church South, her first membership being at Walnut Grove, and her last at Ebenezer.

Mary Katherine Mann was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Oct. 4, 1849, and with her parents removed from the Quaker state to Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1855, and where she remained until Oct. 27, 1867, when she came to Missouri, settling near Saxton. On March 3, 1868, she was united in marriage with Judge Jason H. Landis, who now so sadly misses her. For the past 41 years they had resided on the same beautiful farm near Saxton where they together joyously tasted the sweets of life and cheerfully bore with the bitter. Judge Landis, the beloved husband, is one of the best known men of the county and honored the county bench as its presiding judge a number of years ago.

Two children were born to this grand couple who three years ago celebrated their golden wedding. One of these children was called away in infancy, and the other is now Mrs. John N. Karnes, who resides near the parental roof, on a farm near Saxton. She is the mother of two sons who are the pride of Judge Landis' life, and were as the apple of her eye to the grandmother now called away from George L. and J. Landis Karnes. She also leaves four great grandchildren, one brother, Robert Mann, of this city, three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Snyder of Sigourney, Iowa; Mrs. Phoebe McGlothlin of Hillsdale, Colorado; and Mrs. Josie Bagby of Saxton, who with the afflicted husband and daughter mourn one whose loss is irreparable, and whose loving care and tender kindness will never again be bestowed upon those who loved her "with the love that passeth understanding."

### ABRAM DAVIS PASSED AWAY THURSDAY

Abram Davis, a son of Joseph Davis, the latter one of the pioneer settlers of St. Joseph and who pre-empted some of the land where the street car barns now stand, died at Dr. Byrd's sanitarium Thursday morning, after an illness of but a few weeks. His wife died May 5, 1920, and since her death the husband has lived by himself until a few weeks ago when he went to the sanitarium. He was a leading democrat in this territory for many years, and served two terms as a member of the state legislature. He in earlier years owned a large amount of real estate in North St. Joseph. He was a soldier in the Northwest during a part of the civil war and participated in many battles with the Indians. The funeral services were held at Heaton-BeDole's yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. H. Capp. Interment was in Ashland. The pall bearers were W. L. Goetz, W. E. Spratt, J. D. Miller, W. F. Reinard, Reece Hunter and F. L. Gilmer.

### URGES ST. JOSEPH AS HOSPITAL SITE

Congressman Faust has up with director D. R. Forbes, the question of the location of a three or four million dollar hospital for disabled soldiers at St. Joseph. This hospital will be for the ninth district, and St. Joseph is not only the most centrally located, but has superior advantages as a hospital site. Director Forbes has been asked to come here to investigate.

### MRS. PONTIUS SHOT BY FORMER HUSBAND

At 11 o'clock Monday forenoon, W. O. Farris, employed at the Grain Belt mill, shot his former wife, Mrs. Frances Pontius, four times, two of the wounds being dangerous. He then shot himself above the heart and also slashed his wrist with a razor. The shooting occurred at the woman's home, 118 West Hyde park avenue. Farris is a former husband of Mrs. Pontius. Both are in hospitals.

## GLORIOUS NEWS FOR THE TAXPAYERS

THERE WILL BE NO LIGHT TAXATION FOR THE COMING 25 YEARS

SO SAYS THAT GREAT REPUBLICAN, SEN. SMOOT

And He More So Than Many Others Should Know What He Is Talking About For He Is One of the Republican Leaders Whose Duty It Is to Frame the Taxation Measures and See That the Adjustments Are Properly Made.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—(Special Correspondence.)—When Senator Underwood of Alabama, the Democratic leader of the Senate, said, "I think you have about as bad a bill as was ever presented to the Congress of the United States," he epitomized Democratic opinion of the Republican Tax Revision bill, wholly non-understandable to taxpayers, and not understood apparently even by the proponents of that measure—at least none of them has yet had the temerity to attempt to explain it.

The tax experts of the treasury are supposed to understand it and have explained it to the Republican members of the Senate finance committee, but when the Republicans are called upon to explain some of its features they cannot or will not even give the explanations by the tax experts, as illustrated recently when Senator Hitchcock (Dem., Neb.), tried to explain an amendment in language the Senate could understand. The following colloquy took place:

Mr. Watson (Ind.)—I can explain what it means, but—

Mr. Hitchcock (Neb.)—Will the Senator explain it?

Mr. Watson (Ind.)—But I am not going to explain it, because the Senator has said that it ought to be written out so everybody can understand it.

Mr. Hitchcock (Neb.)—I will give the Senator from Indiana a nice, large, red apple if he will explain it in five minutes so that we can understand it.

Mr. Watson (Ind.)—I understand exactly what it means, and I will say that Dr. Adams has explained it all over to me within the last ten minutes. I had him do it.

Mr. Hitchcock (Neb.)—Ah, the Senator has to have an expert's explanation, just as I thought.

Mr. Watson (Ind.)—Precisely. I had it explained because it was necessary that I should have it explained. There is not a senator here who can understand these complex propositions unless the experts go over and over them.

Mr. Hitchcock (Neb.)—Will the Senator kindly give Dr. Adams' explanation, so that we can understand it?

Mr. Watson (Ind.)—I will not, because I arose for another purpose, etc. **Tax Bill Mysteries Defy Senator Underwood**  
Some of the most glaring defects of the Republican Tax Revision bill, including its non-understandable clauses were pointed out recently in a speech by Senator Underwood. After calling attention to the Republican party's promise in the last campaign to reduce taxation and pointing out that no effort was made by the Republican Congress in the last two years of the Wilson administration to follow President Wilson's recommendations to revise taxation, Mr. Underwood said:

"I think it is only a fair criticism to say that you have done nothing to redeem your pledges; that up to this hour, after you have been in power in every branch of the government for six months, your pledges remain unredeemed."

"So far as I know there is not a man in the House, and so far as I know there is not a man in the country who has given unqualified approval to the taxing features of this bill."

"I rose more particularly not to discuss the taxing features of this bill, but to discuss those features which are designed to carry the law into effect, the machinery of the bill. I say that in the administrative clauses of this bill you have presented about the worst tax bill that ever was presented to the American people."

**All Laws Should Be Simple**  
"Why do I say that? All laws ought to be simple and plain if it is possible to make them so. Every law ought to be such that the people who have to live under it can understand it."

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## HARVEY'S CRUCIFIXION

The American Legion Burn Him Up in a Resolution Offered at the Kansas City Convention.

You did not find this in any other St. Joseph paper. American Legion men and all other interested persons can easily tell why.

It is the resolution offered by Thomas W. Miller of Wilmington, Del., alien property custodian, who moved its adoption, and which adoption was only prevented from the fact that it lacked half a hundred votes to carry it, out of over a thousand cast on that ballot. The vote was almost even. Here is the resolution as reported out of the committee:

Whereas, George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, a colonel in the courtesy of a South Carolina governor, has seen fit in a recent public address to cast reflection upon the motives actuating the American people in entering the recent world war by saying that they were controlled by fear and selfishness; and

Whereas, such statements, even if true, would be peculiarly out of place as coming from the public spokesman for a great people, but, being as they are, false and untrue, constitute a gross and malicious slander on the good name of the entire American people, and particularly upon the memory of those who have given their lives for the sake of humanity;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the American Legion, in convention assembled: That the words of George Harvey at the "pilgrims' banquet" in the city of London are a miserable calumny, worthy only of a little mind, dominated by envy and jealousy, and incapable of appreciating the higher ideals of life and therefore ascribing to others the only motive which it is able to understand that we, therefore, respectfully represent to the President of the United States that the said George Harvey is unworthy to hold any office whatsoever in the gift of the American people and that a public rebuke and an immediate recall would be punishment mild in form compared with the enormity of the offense which he committed; and that the national adjutant be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States.

## SHOULD MAKE UP PART OF PRESIDENT'S CABINET

AND ALSO HAVE REPRESENTATION IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

## THE SUPREME COURT TO HAVE ITS QUOTA

That Would Be the Result Should the President Carry Out Literally the Doctrine That He Advocated When He Spoke Before the Multitude at Birmingham, Oklahoma, on His Short Tour of the South.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 3.—(Special Correspondence.)—When the president said in his speech at Birmingham, "Whether you like it or not, if our Democracy is not a lie, you must stand for the political and economic equality of the races," he was uttering a sentiment which will sooner or later have deeper effect in the north than in the south, and he was undertaking the old and impossible task of measuring unlike things with the same yardstick.

Of course the real purpose of the speech was political; he expressed the desire that the white people of the south would divide up on economic lines and forget the race question—which is nothing but the old, old effort to break the solid south. Even Lincoln dreamed of it, and every Republican president since has tried his hand at it—all in vain. The president also urged the negroes to divide their ranks on political questions—knowing all the time they would not do it. He knew that those who take sufficient interest or pride in their new-found rights to vote, still vote more than 99 per cent for the candidates bearing the Republican label.

## TWO THINGS ARE CERTAIN

Conditions in the Southern states demonstrate two things; first, that the Southern white people are not going to have equality of any kind between the races; they couldn't have it if they wished, and they will never wish it. The differences, socially, economically and ethnically, are fundamental and ineradicable; they go back to creation's dawn and to the Creator; they have always existed and always will. The fixed dixit of a president is uttered, talked of for awhile and is forgotten, while the age-old fundamental

## MISSOURI LAYS IT OVER ALL ON LEAD MINING

PRODUCED MORE LAST YEAR THAN FIVE OF THE BIG LEAD STATES COMBINED

IDAHO IS HER MOST STRENUOUS COMPETITOR

It is Also Disclosed That This State Has Ranked First in the Production of This Much Needed and Heavily Used Article of Commerce Since She Passed Idaho in Production in 1911 and the Indications Are This State Will Now Always Hold Its Lead.

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 3.—Missouri retains her hold on first place as the leading lead producing state of the country through having a 1920 output of 155,114 short tons, announces a Bureau of Labor Statistics bulletin, constituting advance information from the 1921 Missouri Red Book, given publicity today by Commissioner William H. Lewis. Idaho remains in second place with a production, the same year, totaling 124,805 short tons, and Utah third place through marketing 70,419 short tons of the ore. Other important lead producing states, 1920, were Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nevada and Arizona, but the total output, these five states, that year, when aggregated amounted to only 73,039 tons, or 92,675 tons less than Missouri's total officially credited production.

## Over 32 Per Cent of All

Research work on the part of Supervisor of Statistics A. T. Edmonston, of the State Bureau of Labor Statistics, reveals that Missouri has ranked first in annual production of lead ever since 1911 when it passed Idaho. The banner lead output year for all states was in 1917. Missouri's yield that year reached 234,156 tons and that of Idaho 196,780 tons. The aggregated United States production of lead that year was 650,949 short tons, with Missouri supplying nearly 36 per cent of the total. In 1920 the production of lead for all states was 413,894 tons, with Missouri supplying over 32 per cent of the total.

## What Was Produced

Missouri's annual output of lead since 1914, a period which included all of the world war years and the armistice and reconstruction periods, in short tons, follow: Year 1914, production, 192,612 tons; year 1915, production, 210,440 tons; year 1916, production, 233,085 tons; year 1917, production, 234,156 tons; year 1918, production, 194,173 tons; year 1919, production, 153,296 tons, and the year 1920, production, 155,114 tons. A study of the compilation discloses that the 1919 production of lead ore in Missouri was the lowest in seven years. The year 1920 saw a revival of lead mining, not alone for Missouri, but for the United States as a whole. The 1916 output was the second best for Missouri since the European conflict commenced.

Smelters scattered over the country in 1920 produced 171,999 of primary refined lead ore originating in Missouri. A portion of this 1920 output of eastern smelters was mined in this state and shipped east in 1919.

## JULIUS ROSENBLATT DEAD

Well Known Banker Passes Away After an Illness of Several Years.

Julius Rosenblatt, one of St. Joseph's former well known bankers, passed away Wednesday night as the result of Bright's disease with which he had suffered for several years. His death occurred at his home, 608 North 23rd street, from where the funeral occurred yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rabbi Garry August, after which interment took place in Adath Joseph cemetery.

Julius Rosenblatt was a product of St. Joseph, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rosenblatt. He was born May 24, 1862, and secured his education here. He at his maturity entered the banking business with which he had been associated ever since. Beside his wife, who was Miss Bertha Stern, he leaves two brothers and two sisters.

While he was watching John H. Dittmore clean a revolver in the rooms of the Hartley Detective Agency Tuesday night, the weapon was accidentally discharged and James E. Hayward, a 21-year-old young man who lives in East Hyde Park, was dangerously wounded in the right side. He was taken to a hospital.

## MORE POSSUM AND SWEET POTATOES

To the Editor of The Observer: "Republican Achievements." In the first ten months of 1921 there has been 15,535 failures involving liabilities of \$591,105,741. "More Possum and Sweet Potatoes." W. N. LINN.

## ARE NOW IN EFFECT

The New Motor Laws Became Operative on Tuesday and Will Save Life.

The new motor car state laws went into effect Tuesday and now it is at least safe to look across the street. The law is drastic in many particulars, but it is needed. The police will enforce the new laws and until people are familiar will be lenient, but after due time will prosecute in police court without mercy. The principal provisions of the new law are as follows:

Proof of ownership by registration certificate.

Assignment of ownership certificate and warranty of title when car is sold. Chauffeurs to carry photographs of themselves in their license books.

Delivery boys and others who drive as part of their duties to be registered as "operators."

Chauffeurs and registered operators must be eighteen years old.

Leaving scene of accident without giving name to victim or police a felony punishable by imprisonment. Driving car while person is intoxicated a felony.

Car approaching from right has right of way.

Definite set of arm signals, denoting turns, slow or stop.

Third offense against law deprives offender of right to drive car for a year.

Closed cars to be equipped with rear signaling devices.

Lights must be diffused in accordance with rules.

Mufflers and cutouts to be used, and connections with cutouts to be disconnected.

Speed limit, twenty-five miles an hour.

Cars follow instead of pass another on going through intersections and approaching top of hills.

Persons damaging highways with metal-tired vehicles to pay for damage.

Spotlights permitted on cars in rain, snow and fog, if turned at an angle so lights do not bother approaching drivers.

One of the best features of the new law is, that no children can drive, as was the case heretofore.

## SECURED BIG VERDICT

St. Joseph Legal Firm Wins a Great Victory in the Gallatin Court.

Duvall & Boyd and Miles Elliott, the well known attorneys of this city, won a notable victory at Gallatin last week when they secured a verdict for \$22,500 damages against the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Ry Company for their client, William O. McQuary, who was hurt by the railroad.

The suit originated over an accident at Milan, Mo., some months ago when a passenger train went into the ditch.

The case originated in Knox county, but came to Gallatin on a change of venue. There are six of these cases, all resulting from the same accident, and all of them were for trial this term. The verdict secured by the St. Joseph attorneys is one of the largest of its kind ever given in that county, and was a hard fought victory for them, the O. K. road pitting some of its strongest talent against them.

## DAVIDSON SENT UP FOR THREE YEARS

Bert Davidson, who held up and robbed Charles Whited last August, pleaded guilty in criminal court Wednesday and was given three years in the pen.

William Scott was given ninety days in jail for robbery, while Charles F. Arnold paid \$100 and costs fine for assaulting Harry Gouch, and A. B. Cook dug up \$25 for flourishing a revolver.

## SENT TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY

Judge Ute made quite a cleaning up on Tuesday, when he sentenced Earl Whithorn to the pen for five years; Edward Rettinger, Otto Howell and Roy Helgeson to the pen for two years each for burglary; and Joseph Imlis for two years for passing a note into the county jail, to release prisoners.